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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the telephone interview with Mr. Burt Magen on 08/24/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 15-24, 26-42, 52 and 53.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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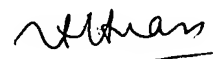
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**HUAN HOANG
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 14, 25, 43 and 44.

Claim 1: A non-volatile storage device, comprising:

source/drain regions;

a channel region between said source/drain regions;

a floating gate;

a control gate;

a first dielectric region between said channel region and said floating gate, said first dielectric region includes a high-K material; and

a second dielectric region between said floating gate and said control gate, wherein electrons are transferred to said floating gate from said control gate via said second dielectric region.

Claim 6: A non-volatile storage device, comprising:

source/drain regions;

a channel region between said source/drain regions;

a floating gate;

a control gate;

a first dielectric region between said channel region and said floating gate,

said first dielectric region includes a high-K material; and

a second dielectric region between said floating gate and said control gate, wherein electrons are transferred to said floating gate from said control gate via said second dielectric region; said floating gate, said second dielectric and said control gate form a stack;

a first spacer at one side of said stack; and

a second spacer at a second side of said stack.

Claim 13: A non-volatile storage device according to claim 1, wherein:

said electrons are transferred to said floating gate from said control gate using Fowler-Nordheim tunneling.

Claim 15: A non-volatile storage device according to claim 1, wherein:

said electrons are transferred to said floating gate from said control gate during erasing of said non-volatile storage device.

Claim 20: A non-volatile storage device, comprising:

source/drain regions;

a channel region between said source/drain regions;

a floating gate;

a control gate;

a first dielectric region between said channel region and said floating gate,
said first dielectric region includes a high-K material; and

a second dielectric region between said floating gate and said control
gate, said second dielectric provides for electron tunneling to said floating gate
from said control gate.

Claim 29: A non-volatile storage device, comprising:

source/drain regions;

a channel region between said source/drain regions;

a floating gate;

a control gate;

means for partially electrically isolating said floating gate from said channel
region; and

means for providing a dielectric region between said floating gate and said
control gate and for transferring electrons to said floating gate from said control
gate.

Claim 30: A non-volatile storage system, comprising:

a set of non-volatile storage elements, each of said non-volatile storage elements includes a channel, a floating gate and a control gate, said floating gate being separated from said channel by a first dielectric region that includes a high K-material, said floating gate being separated from said control gate by a second dielectric region; and

a control circuit for programming, erasing and reading said non-volatile storage elements, said control circuit causes electrons to be transferred to said floating gates from said control gates via said second dielectric.

Claim 39: A method of using a non-volatile storage device, comprising:

at least partially isolating a floating gate from a channel using a high-K material; said channel is between source/drain regions, said floating gate is separated from a control gate; and

erasing said non-volatile storage device by transferring electrons to said floating gate from said control gate.

Claim 41: A method according to claim 39, further comprising:

programming, including transferring electrons from said floating gate to said control gate.

Claim 42: A method according to claim 39, further comprising:

programming, including tunneling electrons from said floating gate to said control gate.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huan Hoang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1779. The examiner can normally be reached on Tues-Fri 8:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on (571) 272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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